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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

13 July 1961

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1. Jordan considering shift toward non-alignment

King Husayn [] is becoming convinced of the need for a closer association with the "neutralist bloc." He seems concerned that his present pro-Western position weakens him within Jordan and throughout the Arab world.

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2. Food shortage in North Vietnam

Over the past few months there have been [] civil disturbances brought on by the situation.

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The current crop outlook gives no assurance of early relief. []

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3. Soviet leader intimates Moscow Air Show largely facade

When Ambassador Thompson taxed Party Secretary Kozlov about the contrast between the display and Khrushchev's earlier statement that planes were becoming obsolete in the missile age, Kozlov asked if Thompson had noticed how few examples there were of each. "Maybe Khrushchev was right after all," Kozlov added. []

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NOTES

- A. Peiping intends to match Moscow by sending a high-ranking delegation to the Japanese Communist Party Congress later this month. The chief Chinese delegate, politburo member Peng Chen, personally locked horns with Khrushchev last year when Sino-Soviet differences were at their sharpest. [REDACTED] 50X1
- B. There are new reports from Seoul of planning for a military counter-coup against Pak. [REDACTED] 50X1
- C. Present indications are that talks between the French and the Algerian rebels will be resumed at the beginning of next week.

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WATCH COMMITTEE CONCLUSIONS - 12 July 1961

On the basis of findings by its Watch Committee, the United States Intelligence Board concludes that:

No Sino-Soviet Bloc country intends to initiate direct military action in the immediate future.

Laos: The strength and capabilities of Communist forces in Laos continue to increase. There are no developments indicative of a change of Communist objectives or tactics with respect to Laos.

Nationalist China: The growing disillusionment of Chiang Kai-shek over what he considers are Communist gains in Asia and likely changes in US policy may lead him to undertake probing moves against the mainland

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